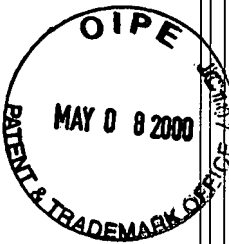


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

JAMES F. MARINO et al.

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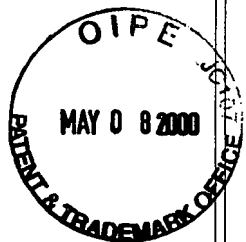
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER -  
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED dated **February 11, 2000**, enclosed are the following to be made of record in the above-identified application:

- 1) Petition for Extension of Time – One Month
- 2) Executed Declaration;
- 3) Assignment from Inventors to NuVasive, Inc. - with Recordation Cover;
- 4) Power of Attorney by Assignee;
- 5) Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status; and
- 6) Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.



Please charge Deposit Account No. 20-1430 for the following fees:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	SMALL ENTITY	
FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$345.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	11 - 20	= *0	x \$9.00 =	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2 - 3	= *0	x \$39.00 =	\$0.00
[ ] MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED			+ \$130.00 =	\$0.00
SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR §1.16(e)				\$65.00
FEE FOR PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME				\$55.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$465.00</b>

\* If the difference in Col. 1 is less than 0, enter "0" in Col. 2.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. This Transmittal Letter is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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